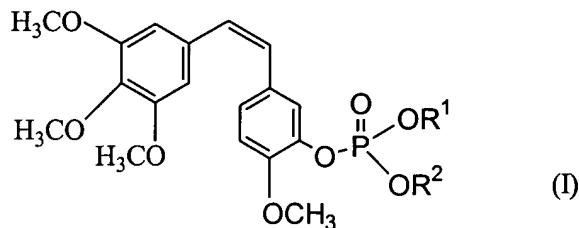


Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound having the structure of formula I:



wherein:

one of $-OR^1$ or $-OR^2$ is $-O^-QH^+$, and the other is hydroxyl or $-O^-QH^+$; and

Q is

- (A) an optionally substituted aliphatic organic amine containing at least one nitrogen atom which, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation QH^+ ;
- (B) ~~an amino acid containing at least two nitrogen atoms where one of the nitrogen atoms, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation QH^+ ; or~~
- (C) ~~an amino acid containing one or more nitrogen atoms where one of the nitrogen atoms, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation QH^+ and where, further, all carboxylic acid groups of the amino acid are in the form of esters.~~

2. (Cancelled)

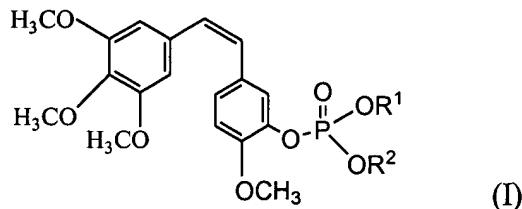
3. (Currently Amended) The compound of Claim 21, wherein the nitrogen of Q forming the quaternary ammonium cation QH^+ in the formula I is a primary amine bonded to an optionally substituted aliphatic group or a secondary amine bonded to two optionally substituted aliphatic groups, wherein the optional substituents are one or more hydroxyl or amino groups.

4. (Currently Amended) The compound of Claim 21, wherein Q is an optionally substituted aliphatic organic amine selected from the group consisting of ethanolamine, diethanolamine, ethylenediamine, diethylamine, triethanolamine, glucamine, N-methylglucamine, ethylenediamine, 2-(4-imidazolyl) ethyl amine, choline, and hydrabamine and stereoisomers thereof.

5.-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising:

- (a) a compound having the structure of formula I:



wherein:

one of $-OR^1$ or $-OR^2$ is $-O^{\cdot}QH^+$, and the other is hydroxyl or $-O^{\cdot}QH^+$; and

Q is

- (A) an optionally substituted aliphatic organic amine containing at least one nitrogen atom which, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation QH^+ ;
- (B) an amino acid containing at least two nitrogen atoms where one of the nitrogen atoms, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation QH^+ ; or
- (C) an amino acid containing one or more nitrogen atoms where one of the nitrogen atoms, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation QH^+ and where, further, all carboxylic acid groups of the amino acid are in the form of esters; and

- (b) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier thereof.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 9, wherein said optionally substituted aliphatic organic amine is selected from the group consisting of ethanolamine, diethanolamine, ethylenediamine, diethylamine, triethanolamine, glucamine, N-methylglucamine, ethylenediamine, 2-(4-imidazolyl) ethyl amine, choline, hydrabamine and stereoisomers thereof.

12. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 11, wherein the pH is adjusted by an agent other than sodium hydroxide.

13.-28. (Cancelled)